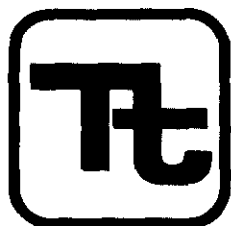


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Dear Ms. Jennis:

SUBJECT: UPGRADE OF BISHOP TUBE COMPANY SIP FROM LEVEL 2 TO LEVEL 3 - USEPA  
DSN PA-0568 CERCLIS NO. PAD08186309, ARCS CONTRACT NO. 68-W8-0092,  
WORK ASSIGNMENT NO. 92-31-SJZZ.

As discussed in a telephone conversation with Mr. Mike Giuranna on January 26, 1993, Tetra Tech, Inc. recommends that the site inspection prioritization of the Bishop Tube Company site be upgraded from a level 2 investigation to a level 3 investigation for the following reasons:

- The samples collected during the USEPA site inspection, which took place in 1984, were analyzed for volatile organic compounds (VOCs) only. Site records indicate that, in addition to spent solvents, the following wastes were produced on site: oils, coolants, acids, and process sludges from the polishing, grinding, and cutting of metals.
- None of the surface water or sediment sample results from the SI were considered usable after data validation. Therefore, there is not sufficient data to score the surface water pathway using the Hazard Ranking System.
- The site ceased operations in 1991. A closure plan, which called for the remediation and decontamination of the site, was submitted to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Resources (PADER) in 1991. Several removal actions have occurred at the site since the original site inspection that may affect the overall Hazard Ranking System (HRS) score.
- Monitoring wells have been installed on the site since the SI. A hydrogeologic investigation of the site has been conducted by the site owners in order to characterize the on-site trichloroethylene (TCE) contamination. However, ground water samples have been analyzed for TCE only.

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